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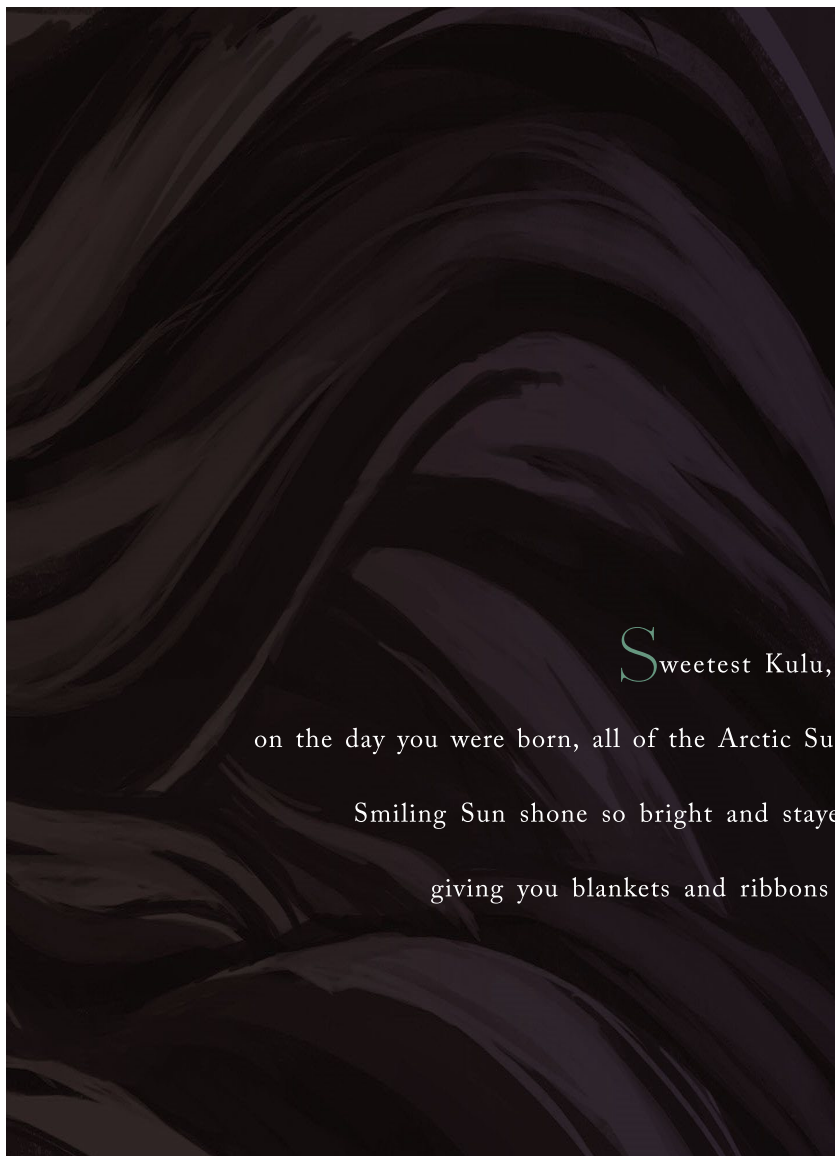
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Sweetest Kulu,  
on the day you were born, all of the Arctic Sun  
Smiling Sun shone so bright and stayed  
giving you blankets and ribbons

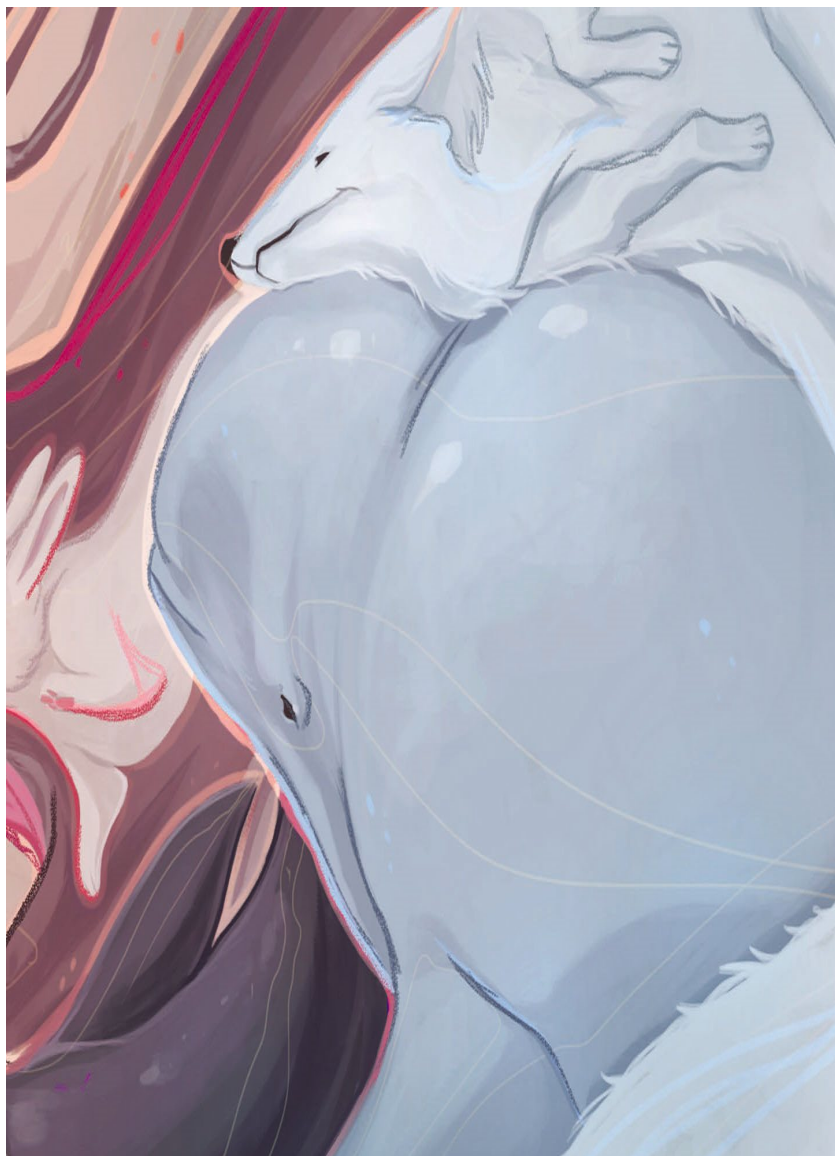


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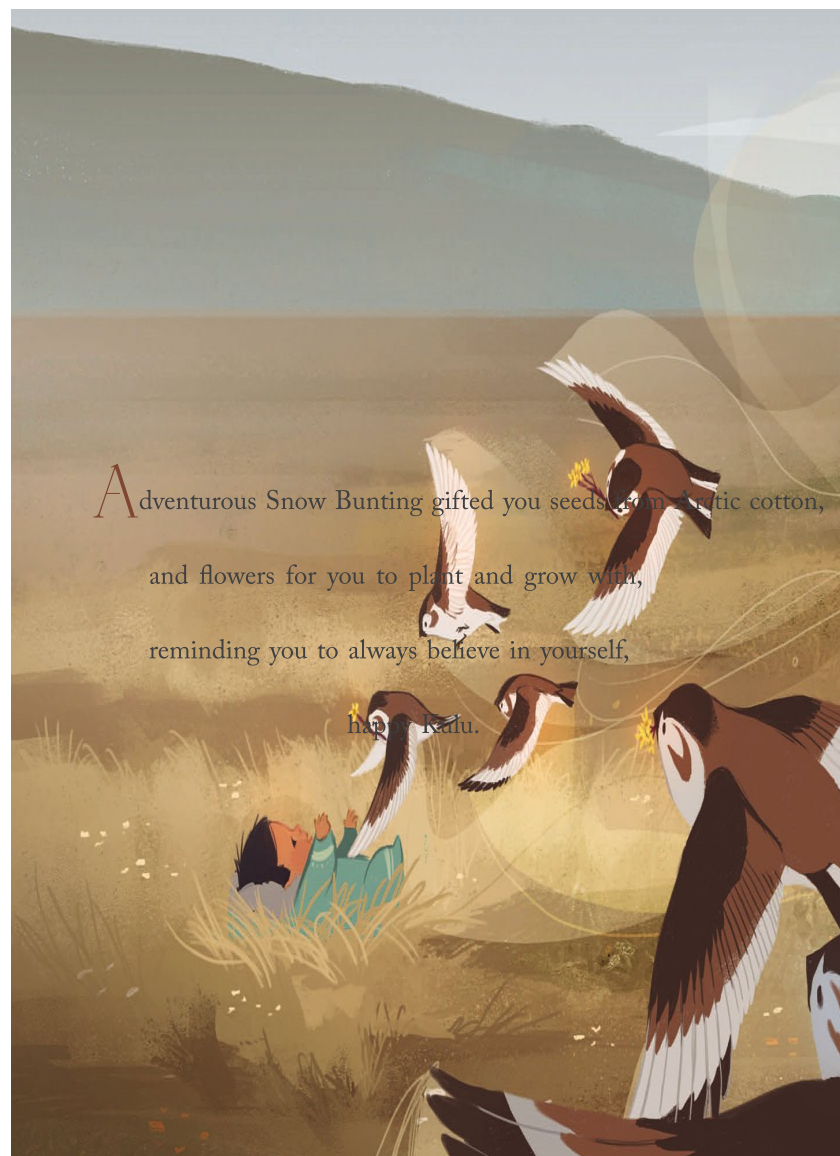









You had many wondrous  
They shared thoughts, feelings, a  
darling Ku



Adventurous Snow Bunting gifted you seeds from Arctic cotton,  
and flowers for you to plant and grow with,  
reminding you to always believe in yourself,  
hopi Kulu.





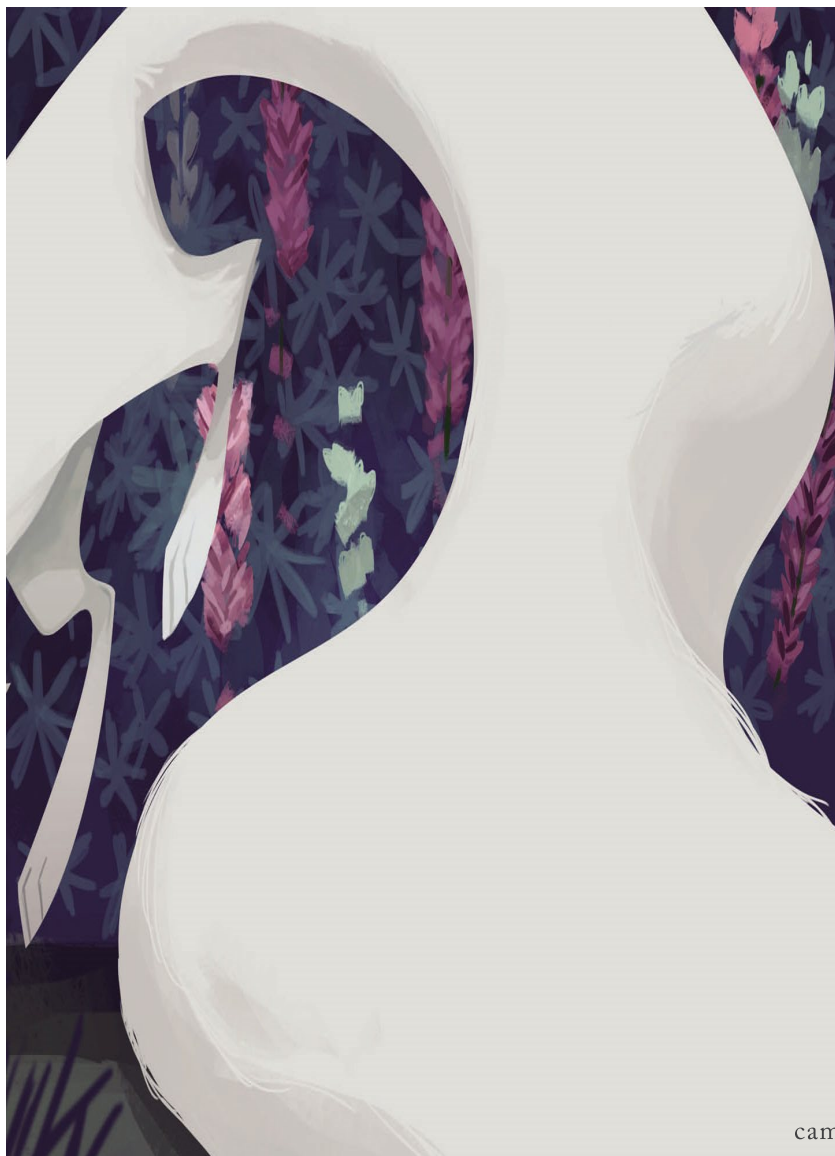
Arctic Hare, with rock willow and roots,  
came to show you love so easily.

You became a best friend, baby Kulu, loving to give.



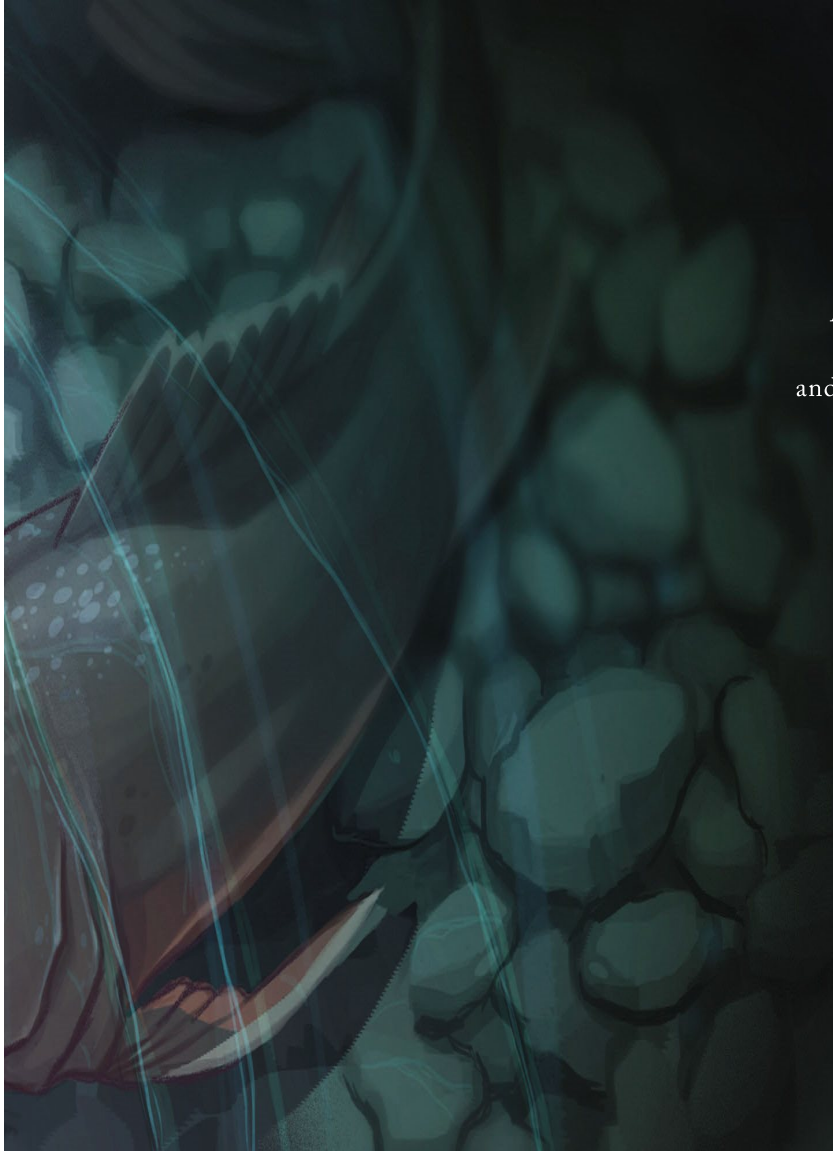






Fox, so thoughtful and  
came to tell you to get out of bed as  
and to help anyone who may need he  
admired Kulu.





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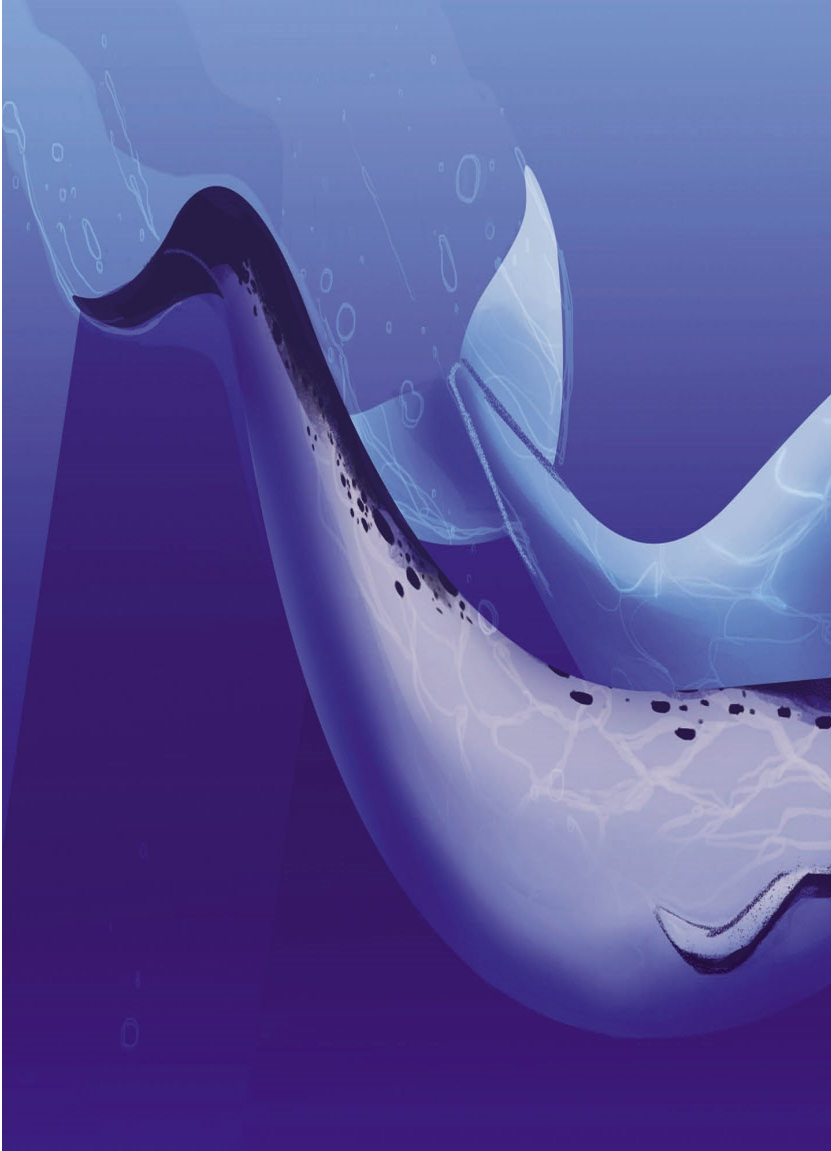
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Seal, whose favourite colour is ice blue,  
heard about Arctic Char's adoration of you.  
Seal loves creativity, and surrounded you with colour, nicest Kulu.







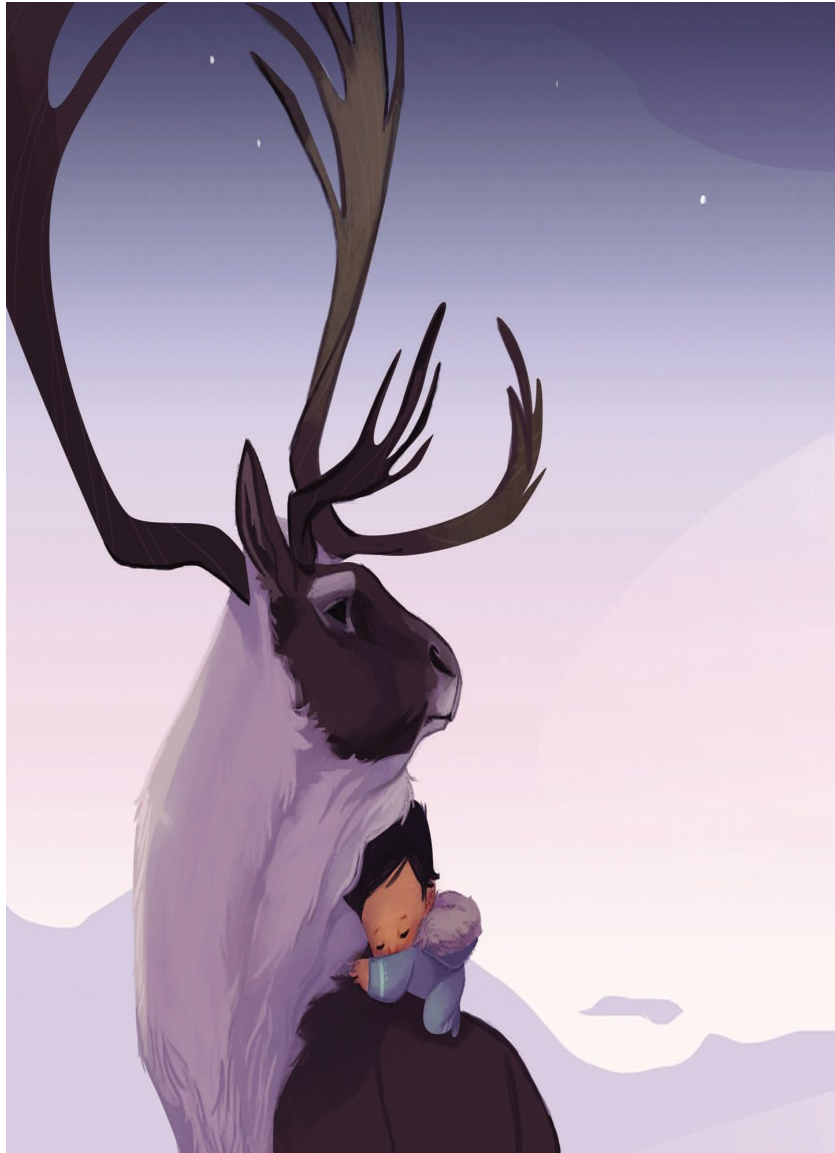
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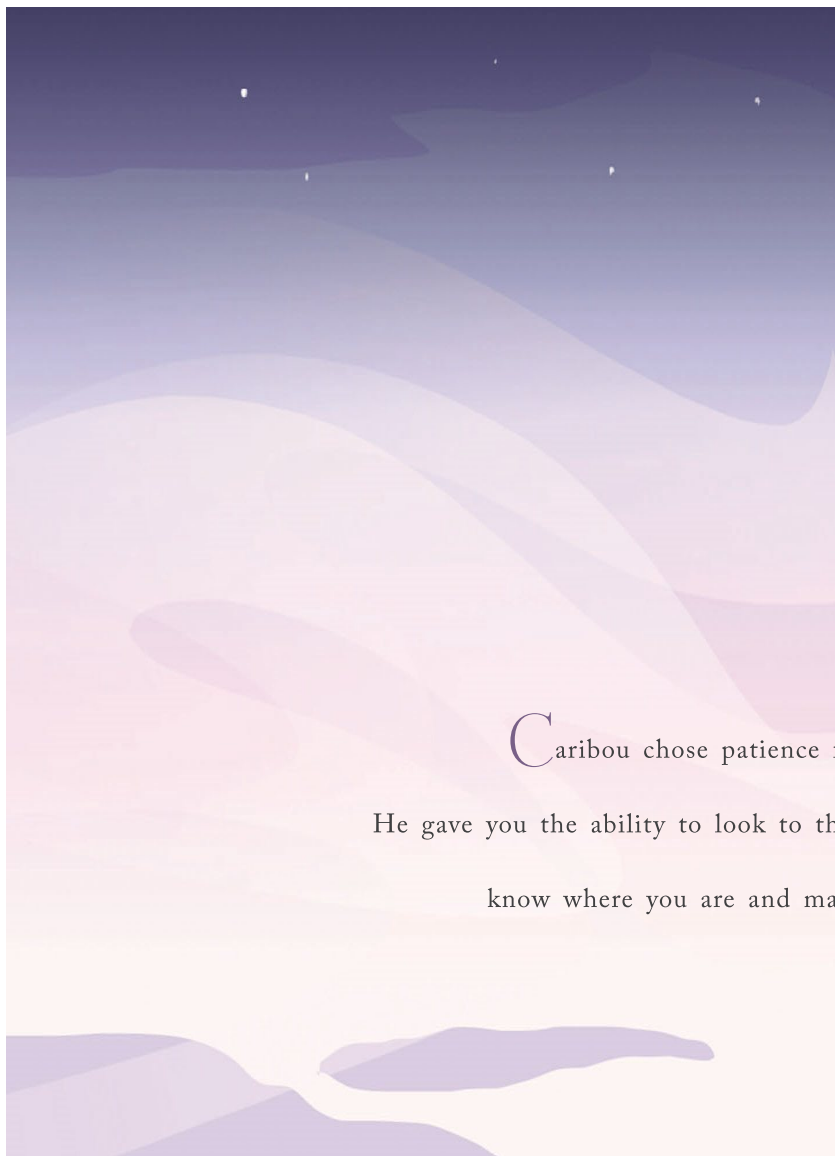






Muskox shared heritage and empowerment with you,  
magnificent Kulu,  
showing you how to protect what you believe in.

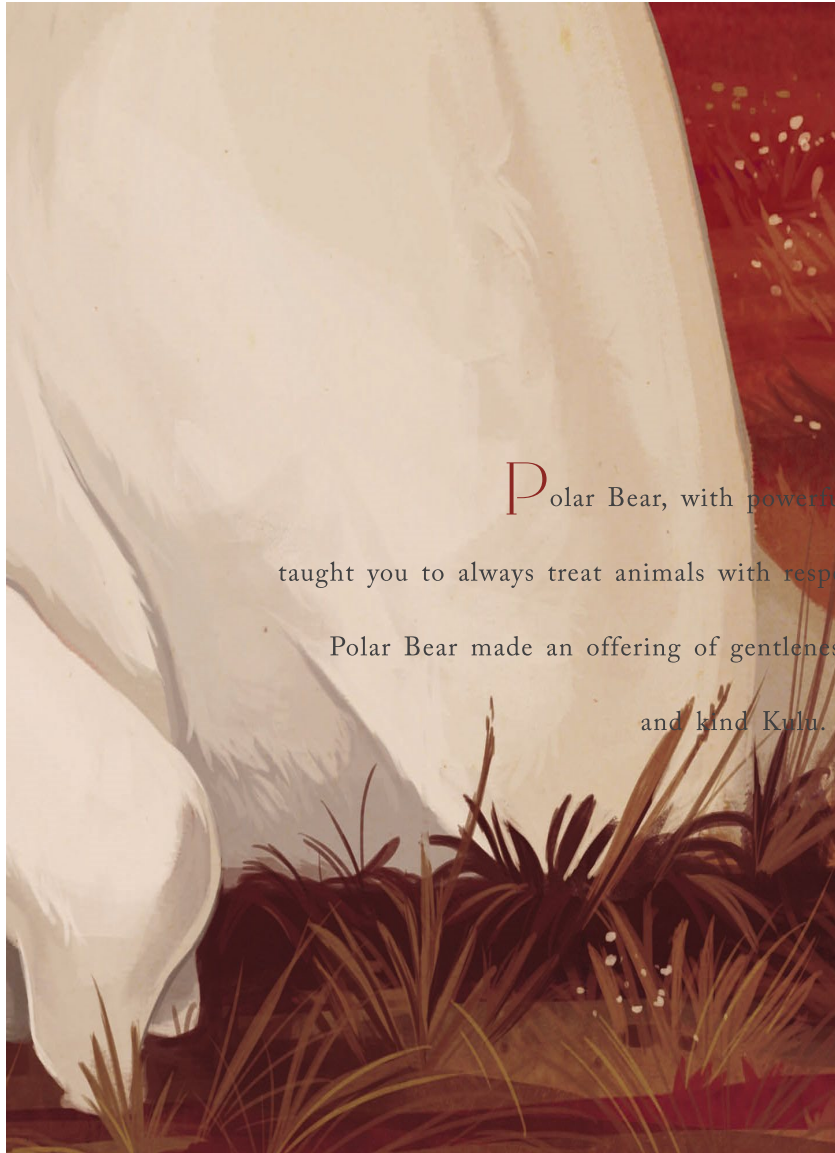




Caribou chose patience for you, cutest Kulu.

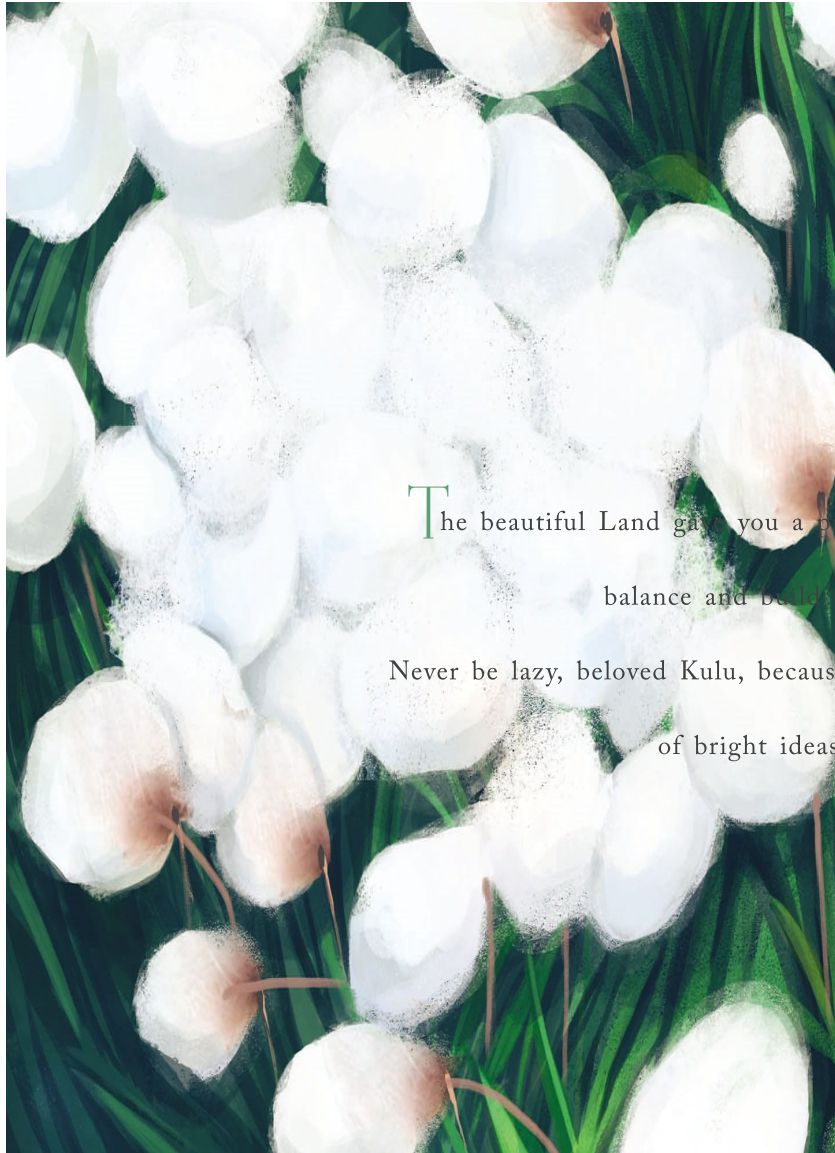
He gave you the ability to look to the stars, so that you will always  
know where you are and may gently lead the way.





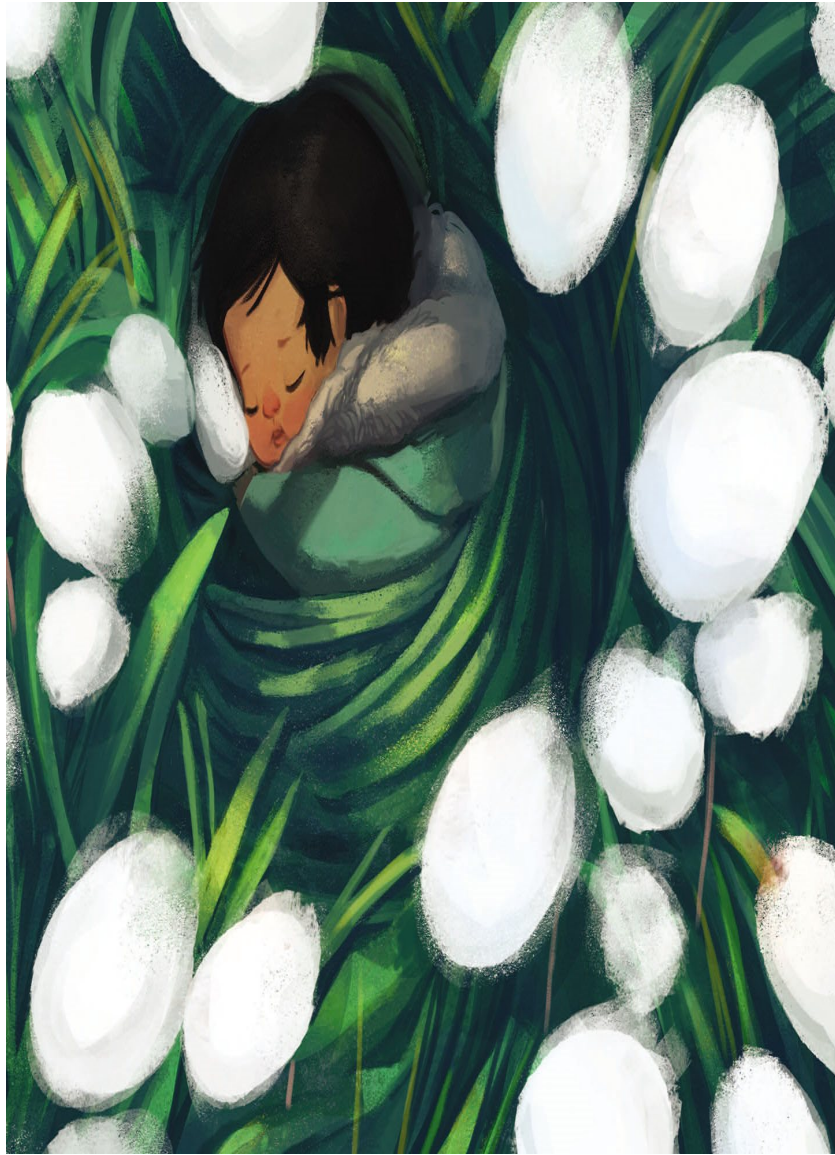
Polar Bear, with powerful instinct,  
taught you to always treat animals with respect and to never scold them.  
Polar Bear made an offering of gentleness, making you a modest  
and kind Kulu.





The beautiful Land gave you a practical foundation to  
balance and build upon.

Never be lazy, beloved Kulu, because your Land is a place  
of bright ideas.





Dream a little, Kulu, this  
most beautiful son  
Slumber in s  
Tomorrow will wai  
Be calm, Kulu, and  
because you are







Celina Kalluk was born and raised in Resolute Bay, Nunavut. She has two brothers and five sisters, one of whom is Leonard Thibodeau. Celina has two beautiful nieces and nephews. She also has four daughters of her own: Saima, and Ramata. She dedicates this book to all the mothers and fathers of our wonderful children. Celina is also a visual artist and has illustrated many other literacy materials. Currently, she is the Inuktitut Cultural Arts teacher for grades seven through twelve at Qarmuk Bay. *Sweetest Kulu* is her first book for children.



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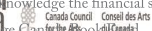
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“Dream a little, Kulu, this world now sings a most beautiful song of you.”

This beautiful bedtime poem, written by acclaimed Inuit throat singer Celina Kalluk, describes the gifts given to a newborn baby by all the animals of the Arctic.

Lyrical and tenderly told by a mother speaking to her own little “Kulu,” an Inuktitut term of endearment often bestowed upon babies and young children, this visually stunning book is infused with the traditional Inuit values of love and respect for the land and its animal inhabitants.



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